



**The US Open is acknowledged as being “The Greatest Show in Martial Arts”, and as the “World's Most Prestigious Martial Arts Tournament”.**

Each year, the **US OPEN and ISKA World Martial Arts Championships** weekend presents an experience unique to the martial arts. The location itself is in the heart of **Disney World** and sets the stage for a fun and magical weekend of thrilling competition and activities for everyone.

The US OPEN brings together the world's **very best competitors, teams, coaches, spectators, and officials** for a weekend of inspiring performances and the most memorable of good times.

The event will again be **telecast worldwide** on the **ESPN Networks**. Whether you are a seasoned competitor or a newcomer to the art and sport, the US OPEN aims to be your **most exciting and enjoyable** event of the year! Since 2007, NMA-ISKA (South Africa) have been represented annually by a team of our country's finest competitors. Over 3,500 competitors from over 50 countries participated in the 2017 Tournament.

The 2017 South African-Namibian Team was composed of 45 competitors and 30 supporters. Results were: **47 First**; 35 Second; 36 Third; 14 Fourth; 20 Fifth; 1 Sixth. Photo by Roberto Boni below:- The 2017 Teams and their Trophies.



For further details click on: <http://kickboxing.co.za/events/usatour/intro>

**2018 Team Selection Registrations must be received by no later than 10th November  
Kanchu Paul Cave, Chairman, NMA ISKA (South Africa)**

# ISKA USA Open World Championship Tour

## Orlando, Florida, USA - June/July 2018

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**The 2018 tour fares are the same as last year's tour fares**  
**The 2018 tour has one more free day in Orlando than last year**  
**The 2018 hotel is more luxurious & rooms are bigger than before**  
**The 2018 hotel offers more no-cost freetime activities than before**  
**The 2018 airline is rated the best in the world – seats and service**

### 2018 Tour Fares – ex Johannesburg

**- A Tour - 15 Days – New York & Orlando**

**- B Tour - 12 Days – Orlando**

A Tour	B Tour	Individuals - Fares Listed are PER PERSON Sharing a Room
R 43 100	R 30 900	Two Persons - 2 Queen Beds or 1 King Bed
R 41 000	R 29 200	Three Persons - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed
R 41 600	R 29 900	Three Persons - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed & 1 Rollaway Bed
R 54 600	R 37 000	One Person - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed
A Tour	B Tour	Families - Fares Listed are PER PERSON Sharing a Room
R 40 100	R 29 200	Three Family - 2 Queen Beds
R 38 200	R 28 300	Four Family - 2 Queen Beds
R 37 200	R 27 700	Five Family - 2 Queen Beds
R 41 000	R 29 200	Three Family - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed
R 38 900	R 28 300	Four Family - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed
R 41 600	R 29 900	Three Family - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed & 1 Rollaway Bed
R 39 800	R 28 800	Four Family - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed & 1 Rollaway Bed
R 38 400	R 28 000	Five Family - 1 King Bed & 1 Couch Bed & 1 Rollaway Bed

Fare Details	DEPOSITS ARE ONLY REFUNDABLE UNTIL 06 JANUARY
Deposits	R5,000 due by 31 Dec - refundable for 30 days - see "Cancellations" below
Final Payment	By 30 April Latest - being the applicable fare less all monies paid to date
Children	If under 12 on 21 June, reduce your selected tour fare by R3,375
Cape Town Add-on Fare	Plus R1,500 ex Cape Town
Breakaways	R650 admin fee (per family) plus possible adjusted airfare (per person)
Payments To	FNB:- Account "Designer Tours" - # 620-3522-7877. Branch # 200-409 Please use your surname with the letters "Iska17" as the reference
Credit Cards	Regrettably, we no longer accept credit card payments

Tour Details	Tour Personnel and Service Providers
Tour Leader	Kancho Paul Cave - Ph 021-910-3130 shihan@kickboxing.co.za
Tour Sen Coach	Shihan Phil Anderson - Ph 044-851-0114 shihan@kickboxing.co.za
Tour Manager	Calvin Fabig - Ph 021-788-8440 calvin@designer.co.za
Tour Operator	Designer Tours - Ph 021-788-8440 fax 086-618-3156
Travel Insurer	TIC – Travel Insurance Consultants, a Division of Santam.
Airlines	Emirates Airlines (Rated best in the world), and JetBlue Airlines
Tour Dates	A Tour: 26 June to 11 July   B Tour: 29 June to 11 July

**Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges - impact to the tour fare** The tour fare was computed using the then current (01 September 2017) airline “ticket tax-fuel surcharge” of R1,550. Should this rate change, the difference will be for the account of the passenger.

## **Rand-Dollar - impact to the tour fare**

The tour fare was computed on the then current (01 September 2017) Bank Selling exchange rate (R13.05/\$1.00). On the date of receipt of your final payment (fare minus deposit), the then current exchange rate will be used to recalculate the fare.

Alternatively, you are welcome to “freeze” the R/\$ rate at any date. On that date, you will need to pre-pay (in addition to your deposit) the foreign currency portion of the fare (A Tour R19,900 / B Tour R9,800). This will freeze the fare as at the rate on that day, and protect you against any further R/\$ slide.

## **Orlando Accommodation - The Hilton DoubleTree at Sea World**

10100 International Drive, Orlando FL, 32821 - Ph +1-407-352-1100

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-orlando-at-seaworld-MCOSRDT/index.html>

Located on International Drive (called I-Drive) – The DoubleTree is undoubtedly the “in place” to be. Privileged we are, our hotel has all the features you could possibly wish for, and there is a 1km pathway direct to Sea World, plus across the street from Sea World is the action waterpark “Aquatica” (see under).

Your Rooms:- There are 1,004 guest rooms on the grounds. Our rooms are located in the central 17-storey Tower Block with internal passageways. The large Standard Rooms have 2 Queen-size beds, or a King-size bed and a couch. All rooms have self-controlled air-conditioning, complimentary Wifi, a 100cm flat screen TV, a tea & coffee maker (free coffee and tea), a hair dryer, a safe, and an ironing board with an iron.

To keep you busy:- The enormous Lagoon Pool & Waterfall, and the Family Pool; the Jacuzzi Tub; the huge Fitness Centre; the Table Tennis tables; the Pool Tables; the “Arcade” Video Electronic Games Room; the Whirlpool; the 9 hole Mini-Golf Course (“Put-Put” to us South Africans); and an outdoor games area.

For your convenience:- Free transport to Disney, Universal, Aquatica and Sea World; an ATM; a Guest Activity and Recreations Desk; a Gift Shop; a coin-operated Laundry; the 24 hour “Market” (featuring Starbucks) for pizza, sandwiches and salads. Plus “The Pantry”, open 24 hours a day, providing snacks, beverages, newspapers, a wide range of sundry consumables and toiletry items.

For sustenance:- “The Crazy Squirrel” and “The Barefoot Pool Bar and Grille”, for food and drinks; “The Sonoma Lobby Bar” for drinks and snacks. Plus “The Laguna”, a full service restaurant for lunch and dinner – and also for your daily tour fare inclusive “All-American Cooked Breakfast Buffet.

## **“Aquatica” – an Action Water Amusement Park**

Gone, sadly, are the days of Wet ‘n Wild.

It was across the road from our regular hotel (also “gone” now). The replacement is called Volcano Bay, and it is located within Universal Studios Park. As such the daily cost is high. But, less than one kilometre from our hotel is Aquatica. The advance purchase one day cost at Aquatica is \$49, and at Volcano Bay it is \$67. On-line social commentary indicates that the critics prefer Aquatica.

## **International Drive (I’Drive) and Orlando**

The I’Ride is a Trolley Coach service running every 20 minutes along the 18km length of I’Drive.

Within easy access using your seven day Free I’Ride Pass, there are many low cost fast food operations, and many stunning amusements:- [www.internationaldriveorlando.com/thingsToDo/attractions.asp](http://www.internationaldriveorlando.com/thingsToDo/attractions.asp)

Note “The Slingshot” - if you have the nerve!!!! <http://www.funtime.com.au/data/config1a.htm>

Shopping at the Factory Outlets Mall – 180 high discount stores. All the names you ever thought of. <http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/orlando-international/about>

Our Hotel provides free transport to Aquatica, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World:-

<http://www.universalorlando.com/Home/harrypotter.aspx>

<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/>

Day Tours to the Kennedy Space Centre are available:-

<http://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/>

## **A Tour – New York Accommodation - The Salisbury – Midtown Manhattan**

123 W57th Street, Manhattan, NY 10019 Ph +1-212-246-1300 <http://www.nycsalisbury.com/>

At an unbeatable location in Midtown: across from Carnegie Hall and moments from Central Park.

You’ll love the close proximity to the best of NYC – from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Shopping to Times Square and the Theatre District. Rooms are tastefully designed and spacious. Rooms and suites feature flat-screen TVs, in-room safes and work desks – some have microwaves and refrigerators. Wi-Fi access is available for a small fee.

## **Minors (under 18 years on date of departure)**

As of 01 June 2015, an adult escorting a minor on tour is obliged to have certain documents in possession in order for that minor to clear South African Immigration Control on exit and on re-entry.

If the minor's passport was issued after 2015, then it will show the parents names and ID details.

If not, then the minor must secure an **unabridged birth certificate**. If you are not in possession of this document – please proceed to Home Affairs, and start the process to secure it **NOW**. It will take up to three months to secure. **The normal birth certificate DOES NOT QUALIFY**.

The other documents required are equally vital, but easily attainable, being (a) a Parent Consent Affidavit, and (b) certified copies of the identity documents or passports of the parents or legal guardians of the minor.

Full details of the supporting documents which are required are explained in detail in the document called "Under 18 Law.doc". This document can also be seen in the tour section of the NMA Website.

It will also be sent to you twice directly, as an attachment to (a) the email confirming your registration; and (b) the email confirming receipt of your deposit.

## **Team Flight and Accommodation Rules**

- **Flights:** The NMA specifies that all team members and supporters must depart South Africa with one of the official team departure flights, wearing the Official Team Clothing and travelling as members of the "South African National Team" to participate in the World Championships of Sport Karate.

- **Accommodation:** The NMA specifies that all team members and supporters will accommodate at the team hotel, and will participate in all team and supporter activities per the itinerary. No exception to this rule will be considered. Any person appearing at the team hotel or at the tournament who has not secured arrangements through these channels will be denied access to the team/supporter meetings, transport facilities, discounted tournament entry fees, and access to the privileged SA Team area at the tournament.

### **To Follow**

On receipt of your deposit, you will receive (a) written confirmation of the receipt of the deposit, and the reservation; (b) a parental consent affidavit and details of documentation which are required by the adults who will accompany minors departing and returning to South Africa; (c) detailed instructions regarding the USA visa process and the required supporting documentation; (d) detailed instructions regarding pre-trip preparation including baggage regulations, packing advice and customs regulations; (e) practical tips for travellers to the USA, including a guide to telephone usage, tipping and electric current; (f) precise definition of the insurance cover; (g) the tour conditions; and (h) a Travel Declaration Form.

### **Fare Includes**

Team coach and tour leader; airfares, airport and security taxes; NYC & Orlando hotel accommodation, both featuring en suite bathrooms, and based on the sharing rates and the bed configurations as selected; American cooked breakfasts; coach transfers to and from airports and the tournament venue; a seven day "TRide Pass"; fully assisted medical and accident travel insurance including sport cover.

### **Fare Excludes**

The tour fare does not include visa fees, admission fees to Orlando attractions; Tournament fees, Lunches and Dinners; Beverages; and Personal Expenses such as laundry and room service.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

On receipt of your deposit, we will send you an email confirming receipt of that deposit, and repeating all pertinent tour information and conditions. Your deposit is then only refundable for 30 day. This is to allow you the opportunity to examine the information sent to you. During those 30 days, you have the right to cancel participation in the tour and your deposit will be refunded in full.

**After 30 days, deposits are totally non-refundable**, as we will have commenced the deployment of non-refundable deposit funds to the airlines and hotels.

**Thereafter**, refunds will be undertaken per: (a) If the NMA cancels the tour for whatever reason, 100% refund of all monies paid; (b) If written passenger cancellation is received prior to 15 April 2018, the refund will be the monies paid less the deposit; (c) If cancelled after 15 April 2018, refunds are limited to the value of the airline tickets – **until the airline tickets are issued**; (d) Thereafter, the only recourse further open to the passenger, will be to personally claim against the Travel Insurance Policy.

## **The B Tour:- Nine Days in Orlando**

Friday 29 June is departure day. Flights will be on Emirates Airlines, rated #1 airline in the world for comfort, seat space, entertainment, and on-board service.

Departures from Cape Town and Johannesburg are both scheduled to depart between 1300h and 1400h, and are both due to arrive in Dubai at about local time midnight.

From Dubai the groups from Cape Town and Johannesburg will both depart together on a direct flight to Orlando at 0230h.

Saturday 30 June and arrival at Orlando is scheduled for 1025h. Luxury coaches will transport you to the Hilton DoubleTree Resort Hotel. At the hotel, your room occupation may be delayed as check in time at all hotels is always set to 1500h. Once in your room, there is plenty of time to unpack, shower, change clothing and enjoy an exploratory walkabout before your first commitment:- attending the Chairman's Welcome meeting at 1700h. And to receive your complimentary one-week I'Ride Pass.

Sunday 01 to Thursday 05 July are set aside for you to absorb the six hour time change, to get used to the heat and humidity, to meet and be briefed on the local tournament strategies and customs, to take delivery of your tournament fighting kit, and to experience three strenuous training sessions. Also, to enjoy what the "world's favourite playground", Orlando, has to offer.

Friday 06 and Saturday 07 July celebrate the reason you are here:-

The ISKA World Open Sport Karate Championships.

Private transport has been provided for you to get to and from the tournament venue on both days.

Sunday 08 July and the morning is allocated to the tournament de-briefing, after which photo-records of the team and their trophies will be undertaken. The rest of the day is allocated to a well earned rest.

Monday 09 July, sadly, is departure day. Rooms must be cleared by 1030h. The coach departs for the Airport at 1100h, and your flight departs at 1400h.

Tuesday 10 July and 1215h is the local arrival time in Dubai.

At 1440h (2.5h later) those returning to Johannesburg will depart at 1440h, arriving same day at 2050h.

Wednesday 11 July at 0350h (15 hours after arrival) is departure time for those returning to Cape Town. Emirates will provide visas and transport into Dubai City for hotel accommodation and a meal. Rooms will be allocated on the basis of sharing twin-bedded rooms. All will be able to enjoy a normal sleep, shower, change clothing and see a little bit of Dubai. Arrival in Cape Town will be at 1135h on the same morning.

## **The A Tour:- Three Days in New York and Nine Days in Orlando**

Tuesday 26 June is departure day. Flights will be on Emirates Airlines, rated #1 airline in the world for comfort, seat space, entertainment, and on-board service.

Departures from Cape Town and Johannesburg are both scheduled to depart between 1300h and 1400h, and are due arrive in Dubai at about local time midnight.

From Dubai the groups from Cape Town and Johannesburg will both depart together on a direct flight to New York at 0250h.

Wednesday 27 June and arrival at JFK Airport is scheduled for 0850h. On arrival you will be transported to the three star Salisbury Hotel in midtown Manhattan. Located on West 57<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues, the Salisbury is a short stroll to many of the highlights of the city. Central Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Times Square are all within a few city blocks. There are two Metro Underground stations within 50 metres of the hotel - their lines serving almost anywhere you could possibly want to visit.

On Thursday 28 June we have arranged an optional five hour guide escorted tour of Manhattan on board a luxury coach. For those who wish to enjoy Art Zuckerman's famed tour, the cost is \$30pp. The tour will start at 0800h and end at the hotel at 1300h.

You have three nights and days to see and experience what this great city has to offer.

You will find it difficult to fit it all into the time that you have available.

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Products-g60763-New\\_York\\_City\\_New\\_York.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Products-g60763-New_York_City_New_York.html)

Calvin and Wendy will be at Reception each morning to give advice and direction.

On Saturday 30 June you will fly to Orlando arriving shortly before the B Tour arrives from South Africa. From then on you will participate in the B Tour programme as outlined above.

## **Disclaimer**

In the following conditions, "DT" means Designer Tours, P.O.Box 373, Constantia, 7848, SA, and "The Client" means the person or persons in whose name and/or on whose behalf the booking is made.

**A.** There is no contract between DT and the client until DT has received the deposit, and the final payment, which must be settled by the date specified. If not paid in that time, DT reserves the right to cancel the booking with consequent loss of deposit.

**B.** DT has the right at any time and for any reason to cancel the contract prior to the date of departure. If it does so, its liability shall be limited to refunding the monies paid by the client, and or to amend, alter, withdraw or vary any facility it has published, or to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary. In either case DT shall not be liable for any damage, additional expense or consequential loss suffered by the client.

**C.** No person, other than DT, in writing, has the authority to vary, add, amplify, or waive any description, representation, term or condition set forth in this offer.

**D.** In the event of DT exercising its rights to amend or alter the tour after such has been booked, the client shall have the right to continue with the tour as amended or altered, or to cancel the contract and to be repaid in full. In neither of these circumstances shall DT be liable to the client for any damage, additional expense or consequential loss suffered by the client.

**E.** DT, shall, in no circumstances whatsoever, be liable to the client or any person travelling with him for any death, personal injury, sickness, accident, loss, delay, increased expense, consequential loss or any misadventure howsoever caused, or any act omission or default of any hotelier, carrier, or other person, or by any servant or agent employed by them, who may be engaged or concerned in the provision of accommodation, refreshment, carriage facility or service for the client or for any person travelling with him, however caused, or the temporary or permanent loss or damage to baggage or personal effects howsoever caused. In this condition, the expression "howsoever caused" includes negligences on the part of any person.

**F.** No liability on the part of DT, arising in any way out of this contract, shall exceed the total amount paid or agreed to be paid for the tour and shall in no case include any consequential loss or additional expense whatsoever.

**G.** In entering into the contract, DT, in addition to acting for itself, is, and shall be deemed to be, acting as agent and trustee of its servants, agents and contractors, and as agent and trustee of all operators and their servants, agents and contractors, who at any time, directly or indirectly, take part in the effectuation of the tour. All such persons and companies shall to this extent be, or deemed to be, parties to the contract and shall be entitled to the benefit of the same immunities and exemptions from liability as are available to DT under these conditions.

**H.** Each of these conditions shall be severable from the other, and if any provision be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless have full force and effect.

**J.** This agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the parties, and no terms, conditions, representations or warranties not contained herein shall have any force or effect.

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## **Designer Tours**

Designer Tours has, since 1992, operated tours exclusively for groups of persons who share a common interest. These persons are closely bonded by membership of an association, club or school.

### **Regularly operated outgoing (from South Africa) groups:-**

Karate : Annually (23years) - NMA/WAKO to world championships; USA, Australia, UK, & Europe.  
Seniors : Annually (from 2016) – The Relaxed Tour for Discerning Travellers to Portugal.  
Aviation : Annually (20 years) - Local Aviation enthusiasts to the legendary Oshkosh EAA Airshow.  
Students : Crawford College (Jnb), Dainfern College (Jnb), Diocesan College (Grahamstown),  
Kearsney College (Dbn), Roedean School for Girls (Jnb), St Andrew's College (Grahamstown),  
St Anne's College (Hilton), St John's College (Jnb), St Mary's School for Girls (Jnb),  
St Stithian's Boys College (Jnb), St Stithian's Girls College (Jnb), Thomas More College (Dbn).  
- To New York, Washington, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, London, Stratford, and Edinburgh.  
- 2017 Groups:- St Anne's, Kearsney & St Stithian's - to Washington, NYC and Boston.  
St Mary's to London and the Edinburgh Festival.

### **Occasionally operated incoming (into South Africa) tours:-**

Karate - Occasional groups from WAKO (Canada); WAKO (USA) and the BMAA (UK).  
Golf - Occasional groups from Ireland (notably a group of 76 Londis supermarket operators Jan 2003).  
Cricket - UK Test Cricket Supporters to SA for the England vs SA Test Series in January - 150 pax.

### **Regularly operated Group "Flight-seeing" Safari Tours:-**

For aviators from the UK, up to 10 light aircraft in a group, self-piloting around Southern Africa. A support aircraft, transporting the flight and tour directors, escorts the group. The tours spend up to 18 days flying to the most remote airstrips within Southern Africa. During these tours, the aircraft will typically fly about 3,000 nautical miles (5,700km) spending about 26 hours in the air.

### **Large Groups:-**

The largest groups handled have been:- WAKO '95:- 182 karateke to Montreal, New York and Orlando; Rentokil Achievers '98:- 184 passengers to New York and Orlando; IKGA '01-136 karateke to Perth. '08:- The South African National Protea Sport Karate Team and Supporters to the USA - 148 pax. '16:- UK Test Cricket Supporters for the January England vs SA CPT Test - 486 pax.

### **NMA-ISKA groups:-**

SA Protea Karate Team and supporters to the World Sport Karate Championships in Orlando:  
( '07-105 karateke), ( '08-148 karateke), ( '09-24 karateke), ( '10-67 karateke), ( '11-92 karateke), ( '12-109 karateke),  
( '13-109 karateke), ( '14-80 karateke), ( '15-119 karateke), ( '16-122 karateke), ( '17-89 karateke).